

POETRY.



From the Yankee Miscellany.
THE HEIGHT OF THE RIDICULOUS.
BY O. W. HOLMES.

I wrote some lines once on a time,
In wondrous merry mood,
And thought, as usual, men would say
They are exceeding good.

They were so queer, so very queer,
I laughed as I would die;
Albeit in the general way,
A sober man am I.

I called my servant, and he came.
How kind it was in him,
To mind a slender man like me,
He of the mighty limb.

"These to the printer," I exclaimed;
And in my humorous way,
I added as a trifling jest,
"There'll be the devil to pay."

He took the paper, and I watched,
And saw him peep within;
At the first line he read his face
Was all upon the grin.

He read the next, the grin grew broad,
And shot from ear to ear;
He read the third; a chuckling noise
I now began to hear.

The fourth—he broke into a roar;
The fifth—his waistband split;
The sixth—he burst five buttons off,
And tumbled in a fit!

Ten days and nights, with sleepless eye,
I watched that wretched man;
And since I never dared to write
As funny as I can.

THOMAS CUMMINS.

Has on hand and for sale, American, English and French Prints—White, Blue and brown Cotton Drills—Linen Drills—Buffalo Cloth—Bleached and Unbleached Cottons—Hamilton Flannel—English Chintz—Chally Dresses—Pelerine and Scarfs—Black, Green and White Veils—Fine Cambrie Muslins—Check—Tape—Muslins—Sprig and Mull Muslins—Bishop Lawns—Ladies' Silk Gloves—Black Crape—Pink Crape—Petticoat Robes—Silk Cord—Men and women's Hosiery—India Rubber Suspenders—Cotton Suspenders—Worsted Suspenders—Bed Tickings—Men & Women's Shoes—Calico and Striped Shirts—Ready-made Clothing—Silk Handkerchiefs—China Nankeens.

HARD WARE.

Pocket Knives; Spring Balances, Knives and Forks; Scissors; Pins and Needles; Gimblets; Padlocks; Percussion Caps, and Sad Irons; Braces and Bitts; Soup Ladles; Gauges; Chisels; Hooks, and Hinges; Files; Iron and Brass Butt Hinges; Cast Steel Hand Saws; Iron Back Saws; Compass Saws; Cut and Wrought Nails; Cut and Wrought Tacks; Hat Pins; Cast Iron Furnaces; Latches; Butts; Nail Needles; Cross-cut and Pit Saw Files; Door, Chest and Armor Locks; Shovels; Sauce Pans; Try Pans; Razors; Spoke Shavers; Hammers; Wood Saws; Jewsharps; Drawing Knives; Iron Squares; Adzes; Britannia Table & Tea Spoons; Axe Handles; Curtain Rings; Hoes; Currier's Knives; Bonnet and Brass Wire.

PAINTS.

Verdigris; Chrome Yellow and Yellow Ochre; Litharge; Spirits Turpentine; Paint Brushes; Lamp Black; Ground Log Wood, and Copperas.

STATIONERY.

Plain Letter Paper, Foolscap;

Playing Cards; Quills; Blue and Black Ink; Inkstands, Penknives; and small Blank Books.

SUNDRIES.

Coffee; Olives; Cigars and Tobacco; Stoughton's Bitters; Pepper; Currants and Almonds; Dried apples; Champagne; Cider; London Porter; Hams; Cheese; Pickles; Ginger; Prunes; Peppermint; Swaim's Panacea; Molasses Gates.

Assorted Crockery Ware; Glass Lamps, Tumblers, &c. &c. tf.

SALT.

100 barrels of Salt for sale by
B. PITMAN & SON.
Sept. 19. tf.

HENRY PATY & CO.,
Have for sale,

10 barrels American Beef, superior quality.
10 bar. Am. Flour, sup. qual. (Gallego Br.)
50 barrels California Beans.
20 baskets Champagne.
600 sheets Sheathing Copper, 16 and 24 oz.
July 25. tf.

B. PITMAN & SON,
Have for sale,

25 boxes Souchong Tea.
20 boxes Hyson Tea.
10 boxes Hyson Skin.
15 doz. Raspberry Wine.
12 " Stoughton's Elixir.
10 " Lemon Syrup.
200 Ohia Rafters.
5 M. ft. Koa Lumber.
25 M. Koa Shingles.
September 12, 1840. tf.

HENRY PATY & Co.,

Have for Sale on the most reasonable terms, for cash, approved credit, or barter, a great variety of merchandise, including.

DRY GOODS.

Silk, — Cambrics, — Gingham, — Drillings, — Tickings, — Osnaburghs, — Merino, Cheneille, Thibet and Cotton Shawls, — Silk, Merino, and Cotton Handkerchiefs — Tuscan Bonnets — Silk, Satin, Velvet and Gauze Bonnet and Belt Ribbons — White and Green Veils — Wound Wire, — Rattans, — Bonnet Wreaths and Flowers, — Tabs, — Gold and Silver Wheat — Lace and Muslin Wro't Capes and Pelerines — Scarfs — Ladies Cravats, — French Net — Blond Lace — Insertion — Open work and Common Ladies Hose — Elastic — Picnic and Cotton Gloves — Petticoat Robes — Silk, Satin and Bombazine Neck Stocks — Hooks and Eyes, — Needles — Pins — Emery Cushions — Spool Cotton — Buttons — Thread — Ready-made Clothing, Suspenders.

HARDWARE.

Axes — Hatchets — Hand, Back and Key-Hole Saws — Files — Rasps — Knives and Forks — Sheath, Pocket, Pen and Dirk Knives — Scissors — Butts and Screws — Door, Chest Mortice and Pad Locks — Bolts — Sad Iron — Japan'd Lamps — Plated, German Silver, Britannia and Iron Tea and Table Spoons — Jewsharps — Brass nails — Cut Tacks — Percussion Caps — Stirrups and Bits — Rat Traps — Gun Flints — Stew Pans, — Shot — Spikes. Slide Rules.

MEDICINES, &c.

Extract Sarsaparilla — Extract Buche — Epsom Salts — Calcined Magnesia — Opodeldoc — Oil Spruce — Essences — Cephalic and Maccaboy Snuff — Stoughton's Elixir.

PROVISIONS.

Flour — Beef, — Ship Bread — Cod Fish — Mackerel — Tea — Sugar — California Beans — Pickles — Salad Oil — Vinegar — Arrow Root — Corn — Potatoes.

FURNITURE.

1 Pr. Splendid Hair Cloth Sofas — 2 Side Boards — 1 Bureau — 1 Double Wash Stand — 2 Single Wash Stands — 1 Card Table — 6 Doz. Wood Seat Chairs.

SUNDRIES.

1 Elegant Waggon and Harness — 600 Sheets Sheathing Copper — 2 M. Am. Boards — 8 M. Am. Shingles — 3 M. Birch Boards and Joists — 12 Baskets Champagne — 10 Cases Boots and Shoes — 20 Doz. Lemon Syrup — 20 Doz. Stoughton's Elixir — 6 Cabooes — Paint Oil — Chrome — Lamp Black — Paint Brushes — Indelible Ink Writing Ink — Sherry Wine — Riding Whips — Bass Viol, Violin and Guitar Strings — Silver Watches — Gold Breast Pins — Harmonicons — Signal Horns — Umbrellas — Men's and Boy's Blk. and Drab Hats — 1 Set Heavy heaving-down Blocks — Bags — Twine — Brooms — Rope — California Soap — Letter and Bill Paper — Blank Books — Tobacco — Axe Helves.

ALSO,

Just published, and for sale, by H. P. & Co the New Mexican Tariff and Port Regulations.

Cash paid, as above, for Bills of Exchange on the United States, England, France or Russia.

Honolulu, May 28, 1840. tf

E. ESPENER,

Has just received per Barque Forager, direct from London, the following articles, which he is now retailing at the most reasonable prices:—

Best wide and narrow Prints. Printed Muslins. Ladies' and Gentlemen's fine cotton Hose. Black and China silk Hose, and Gloves. Patent leather Dress Shoes. Strong calf leather Walking Shoes, and Boots. Fine 10-4 damask Table Linen. Fine 4-4 Bird's-eye Diaper. Fine Irish Linen. Fine Long Cloth. Striped Shirts. Fancy striped Shirts. Red and blue flannel Shirts. Ready made Cloth Clothing. Fancy Summer Trowsers. Sailor's Sheet- ing and Cloth Trowsers. Fearnought Pea Jackets. A good assortment of Hard Ware. Double Gloucester Cheese. Coffee. Orange Nectar. Superior Port, and Sherry, from one of the first houses in London.

ALSO,

Fowling-pieces. Muskets. Fine sporting Gun-powder. Manila Hats. Manila Cigars. Manila Cigar Cases. Gingham, Hair and Tooth Brushes. Bridles. Halters. Stirrups and Leathers. Girths. &c. &c. &c. Aug. 29. tf.

B. PITMAN & SON,

Have just received and for sale,
5 quarter casks Sherry Wine.
2 quarter casks Sicily Madeira.
10 baskets Champagne.
6 baskets Olive Oil.
1 cask Loaf Sugar.
1 cask Currants.
1 case Prunes.
6000 cakes California Soap.
Dec. 5, 1840. tf.

SUGAR MILLS

With Wooden Rollers, for sale at a low price, by

LADD & Co.

Honolulu, Nov. 23. tf.

Merchandise received per Brig Thomas Perkins, from New York, for sale by PEIRCE & BREWER.

2 cases Brown Drills.—1 case Choppa Hdkfs.—1 case Plaid Hdkfs.—3 cases assorted Prints.—72 doz. Whitty Brown Table Cloths.—1 bale Burlaps.—2 bales Ticks. 1 bale Sail Twine.—1 case White Cambrics. 20 bales Brown Sheetting.—5 bales Brown

Shirting 30 in.—5 bales Brown Shirting 27 in.—9 cases Bleached Sheetting, 38 in.—5 cases Bleached Shirting, 32 in.—1 case assorted Hosiery.—1 case assorted Combs. 1 case Umbrellas and Parasols.—40 quarter casks Pale Sherry.—50 baskets Nectar Champagne.—15 casks London Porter.—1 quarter cask of Sicily Madeira.—120 cases Claret.—19 barrels Burgundy Port.—3 boxes Syrups, Sarsaparilla and Strawberries. 1 bale Filberts.—20 boxes Olives.—3 boxes Capers.—2 casks Currants.—1 hhd. Hams. 190 boxes Bloom Raisins.—6000 lbs. Rice. 2 half barrels Nutmegs.—20 dozen Sweet Oil.—90 bbls. Flour.—2 hlds. Loaf Sugar. 60 half bbls. Water Crackers.—5,600 lbs. Pilot Bread.—5,500 Navy Bread.—2,400 lbs. Fine Navy Bread.—100 boxes Soap.—10 bags Shot.—Ox bows, Corn Mills, Axes, Helves, Rakes, Pumps.—2,400 feet Oak Plank and Boards.—222 oars, 14 to 22 feet. 12 doz. Ink.—70 gallons Spirits of Turpentine.—84 boxes Window Glass.—Litharge. Chrome Yellow.—40 doz. Tumblers.—1 cask Venetian Red.—69 canisters Paint Oil each 5 gallons.—25 sides Sole Leather.—cases Boots.—Invoice of books; late publications. Honolulu, Dec. 3, 1840.

B. Pitman & Son,

Have for sale on reasonable terms, viz., English and American Prints. Gingham, Printed Muslins. White, Brown and Blue Cotton Drill. White and Brown Linen Drill. Bleached and Unbleached Cottons. Cambric, plane and Figured. Swiss Muslin. Lace Edgings. Insertings. Fanny Gauze Hdkfs. and Scarfs. White Veil Garniture. Silk. Satin. Velvet and Ribbon. Wound Wire. Furniture China. Hamilton Stripes. Bonnet Wreaths and Flowers. Ladies and Gentlemen's Hosiery. Gloves. Satin Neck Stocks. Nankeens. Pongee Colored Hdkfs. Grass Cloth. Cotton Hdkfs. Needles. Pins. Spool Cotton. Thread. Buttons. Suspenders. Ready Made Clothing. Wick yarn, &c., &c.

GROCERIES.

Molasses. Sugar. Lamp Oil. Tea. Flour. Meal. Dried Apples. Raisins. Citron. Prunes. Tamarinds. Pickles. Vinegar. Nutmegs. Mace. Allspice. Cloves. Ginger. Sage. Pepper. Mustard. Honey. Tobacco. Cigars. Pipes. Snuff. Soap. Sallad Oil. Olives. Lard on Syrup. Porter. Pale Ale. Stoughton's Elixir. Wines, &c.

SUNDRIES.

Boots and Shoes. Writing Ink. Stationery. Blacking. Arrow Root. Epsom Salt. Bench Planes. Braces and Bitts. Chisel. Fish Hooks. Combs. Sauce and Fry Pans. Iron Squares. Screws. Nails. Axe Handles. Axes. Adzes. Hatchets. Writing Paper. Blank Books. Quills. Corks, &c.

Generally on hand a good assortment of Crockery, Glass, and Tin Ware.
Honolulu, Dec. 5, 1840. tf.

PEIRCE & BREWER,

Commission Merchants,

Honolulu, Island of Oahu,

HAVE Constantly on hand and for sale on liberal terms, Merchandise imported from the United States, England, Chili, and China, and adapted to the trade of the

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They offer to purchase the production of the Sandwich Islands, and of California; and Bills of Exchange on England, France, Russia and the United States.

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Enquire of
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